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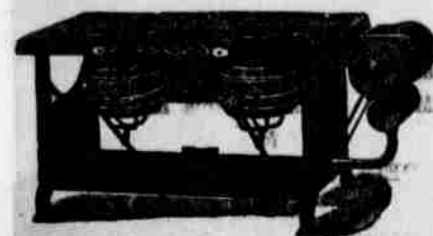
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### Facts About The Railroads

WASHINGTON, August 17.—The annual report of the Interstate Commerce Commission, giving the railroad statistics for the year 1904, shows that there were at the end of that year 297,073 miles of railroad in the United States. The number of railway corporations included in the report was 2104. The mileage operated by receivers was 1312 miles. The number of persons on the pay rolls of the railways in the United States, as returned for June 30, 1904, was 1,294,121, or 611 per 100 miles of line, a decrease for the year of 16,416, or 28 per 100 miles. The wages and salaries paid for the year amounted to \$817,998,810.

The par value of the railway capital outstanding on June 30, 1904, was \$13,213,124,679, which represents a capitalization of \$64,265 per mile. Of the total capital stock outstanding, \$2,996,472,010, or 42.53 per cent, paid dividends. The amount of dividends declared during the year was \$221,941,049, being equivalent to 6.09 per cent on dividend paying stock. The gross earnings was \$1,985,174,091, being \$74,337,194 greater than for the previous year. The operating expenses were \$1,338,896,253, an increase of \$81,357,401.

The total of casualties to persons on the railways was 94,201, of which 10,046 represented the number of persons killed.

### Cotton Men Ask For New Bureau

WASHINGTON, August 1.—President Jordan and Secretary Cheatnam of the Southern Cotton Association today issued a statement addressed to the members of that body, calling attention to recent disclosures in the cotton statistical work in the Department of Agriculture, declaring that efforts are being made to divert attention from the "deficiencies" of the system itself, "to the thieving propensities of a law unworthy officials," and setting forth demands to be made on Congress to reform conditions.

After setting forth the fact that there are nearly a million members of the association, and giving statistics to show that the cotton crop of the United States and its by-products furnishes two-thirds of our annual trade balance, and employs many millions of individuals the statement calls upon those to whom it is addressed to exert their influence to secure the immediate reorganization of the Department of Agriculture.

Four specific demands are made, as follows:

1. The establishment within the Department of Agriculture of a bureau to be known as the "Cotton Bureau," charged solely with the duty of reporting on the cotton crop and all matters concerning the staple.

2. The appointment as the head of that bureau at an adequate salary of a man whose reputation and antecedents shall be beyond reproach and whose familiarity with cotton cultivation shall be an additional guarantee of his fitness.

3. An organization of the bureau so established upon thoroughly scientific lines as will insure no possible bias in favor of either buyer or seller or producer or manufacturer can be presupposed or asserted.

4. The passage of a law that will

be more specific in its scope under which Government employees can be prosecuted for giving away or selling valuable information, as has been done in the statistical bureau.

### Mob. Rescues, Man's Arrest.

CHICAGO, August 1.—A riot in which several hundred took part occurred to-night in South Chicago, where three detectives employed by the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad attempted to arrest Charles B. France for riding on a sand train. The detectives were compelled to use their revolvers, and the crowd retaliated with bricks and stones. A number of people were injured.

The mob besieged the detectives and their prisoner in the depot, and broke many of the windows in their efforts to get at the officers.

A detail of policemen from the South Chicago Station was insufficient to disperse the mob, and additional help was summoned.

The crowd scattered after a number of arrests had been made. France was finally locked up in the police station, although a large crowd followed him all the way to the station, bent on securing his release.

### Murder of Catholics in German East Africa.

BERLIN, Aug. 18.—A dispatch received here from the Governor of German East Africa says that native reports reaching Kilwa announce that a Catholic Bishop named Spies, two missionary brothers and two sisters were murdered while traveling from Kilwa to Liwale.

### Complete Returns on Norway's Referendum Vote.

CHRISTIANIA (Norway) — Aug. 17.—Complete returns of last Sunday's referendum on the question of the separation of Norway and Sweden, shows that 368,200 votes were cast for dissolution and 184 against it. The size of the vote is very gratifying to the leaders of the Storting and has aroused intense interest. At the last general election for members of the Storting only 236,641 votes were cast.

### May Block All City Ownership.

INDIANAPOLIS, August 18.—Judge Francis E. Baker of the United States Circuit Court handed down a decision today of vast importance in respect to the powers of municipal corporations to take over the property of public service corporations, its practical effect being to deny such right, even when a public service corporation receives its charter from the municipality. Judge Baker, quotes numerous Federal decisions to support his contention, and it is believed his decision will completely block the municipal ownership plans contemplated or under way in many cities.

The decision says it is against public policy to permit a public service corporation to sell its franchise or plant, thus disqualifying its obligations to the public.

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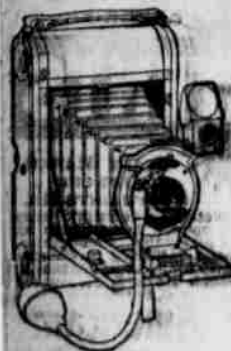
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